

Appln. No. 10/082,774  
Amendment dated Nov. 29, 2004  
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**Amendments to Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 11 and ending at page 9, line 20 with the following amended paragraphs.

Accordingly, as shown in Figure [[1]] 2, the method can begin in step 205 where a sending party can initiate a communications link. For example, the sending party can send a message by placing a telephone call or sending a facsimile transmission, an electronic mail, an instant message, or the like. As the initiated communications link proceeds, in step 210, the identity of the receiving party can be determined. The identity of the receiving party can be used to locate the specified reception states of the receiving party in addition to routing the initiated message. Also, the receiving address, for example the telephone number or electronic mail address to which the message is directed, and the particular communication channel, i.e. instant message, facsimile, VoIP, or the like, can be determined.